REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending.

Claims 1-11 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Applicants elect **Group 1**, claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-8 drawn to a process of producing an ethylenically unsaturated amide, treated with a nitrile hydratase.

Applicants await the prosecution on the merits. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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